

Amendment in Reply to the Notice of Abandonment of November 15, 2007
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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A depilating apparatus comprising:
~~with~~ a housing, which housing is designed to accommodate a supply of a depilating tape, ~~which~~ wherein the depilating tape can be pulled away from the supply and can then be applied to the skin of a person, and ~~which~~ the depilating tape, after application to the skin of a person, adheres to the skin along an application length, and

~~with~~ application means for applying the depilating tape to the skin of a person, and

~~with~~ an opening in the housing, which opening is provided and designed for passing the depilating tape through to the skin of a person, and

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with determination means for determining the application length along which the depilating tape adheres to the skin of a person, and

a heater for heating the depilating tape, and
a spring having a home position that moves the heater away
from the depilating tape,

wherein the determination means are designed to determine different application lengths as desired.

2. (Currently Amended) A The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the determination means are equipped with a hand-operated control button and with a blocking means which interacts with the control button on the one hand and with the supply on the other, which control button can be moved between a first position and a second position, and

wherein, with the control button in its first position, the blocking means assumes a release position that enables a pulling away of the depilating tape from the supply, and

wherein, with the control button in its second position, the blocking means assumes a blocking position blocking any pulling away of depilating tape from the supply.

3. (Currently Amended) A-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the application means comprise an application roller which is arranged in the area of the opening of the housing.

4. (Currently Amended) A-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 3,

wherein a cutting device is provided, which cutting device is arranged adjacent to the application roller and is designed for cutting off the depilating tape in an area of depilating tape, which area of depilating tape has already passed the application roller.

5. (Currently Amended) A-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 2,

wherein the supply of depilating tape is wound so as to form a supply spool wound onto a supply reel, and

wherein the blocking means interacts with the supply reel.

6. (Currently Amended) A-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 5,

wherein, in addition to the supply reel, a wind-up reel is provided, which wind-up reel is provided and designed for winding up depilating tape that was previously adhering to the skin of a person.

7. (Currently Amended) A-The depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 6,

wherein a motor, accommodated in the housing, is provided, and wherein a drive connection is provided between the motor and the wind-up reel, so that the wind-up reel can be rotatably operated with the aid of the motor to wind up depilating tape which was previously adhering to the skin of a person.

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8. (Currently Amended) A—The depilating apparatus as claimed
in claim 7,

wherein an interruptable drive connection is provided as the
drive connection between the motor and the wind-up reel, and
wherein means for interrupting the drive connection are
provided.

9. (Currently Amended) A—The depilating apparatus as claimed
in claim 8, wherein the means for interrupting the drive connection
comprise a hand-operated control button, through the actuation of
which the drive means can be interrupted.

10. (New) The depilating apparatus of claim 1, further
comprising a button having a first position that moves the heater
from the home position to a contact position to contact the
depilating tape against a tension of the spring, and places a lever
in a release position that enables a pulling away of the depilating
tape from the supply.

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11. (New) The depilating apparatus of claim 10, wherein the button, in a second position places the heater in the home position, and places the lever in a blocking position.

12. (New) The depilating apparatus of claim 11, wherein the button, in the second position, activates a motor for causing a jerking movement for pulling away of the depilating tape from the supply.